

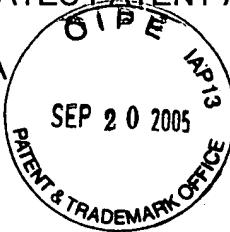
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- 5) United Kingdom Patent Publication No. 2 344 662. Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement and thus a copy is not being provided herewith;
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the Japanese document (*i.e.*, Document 4) is attached hereto and this document, together with it's U.S. patent family member, is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

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